

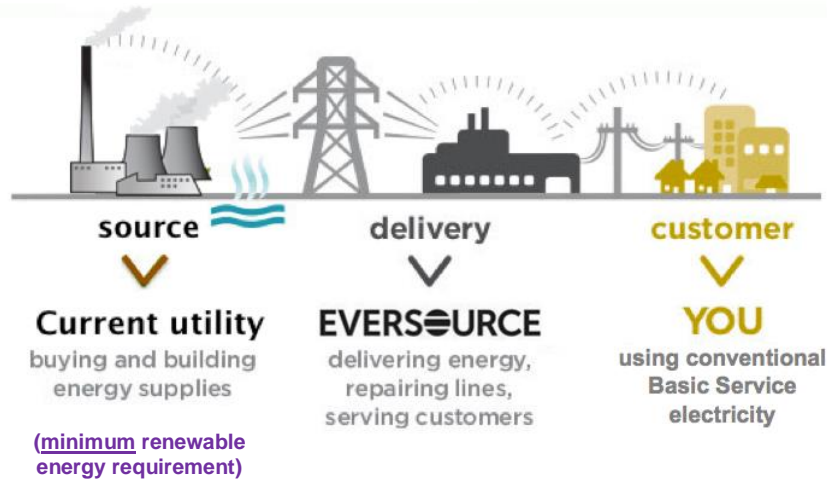
Community Choice Aggregation

What is Community Choice Aggregation?

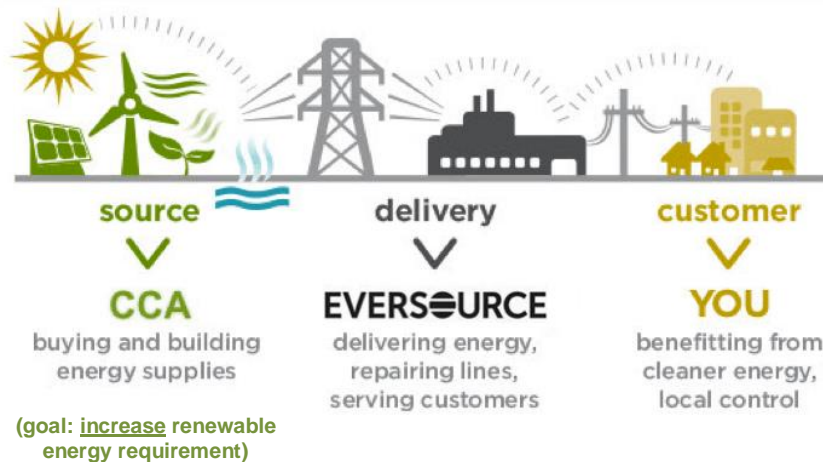
Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) is a process by which municipalities can aggregate and switch the electricity of the households and small businesses from basic service over to cleaner energy. An energy broker is employed to ensure the municipality can purchase the amount of energy needed, and residents may opt out at any time. The electricity is still distributed and billed through the original utility, i.e. Eversource.

CCA allows residents and small businesses to seamlessly switch to more renewable energy, and do the right thing on climate change.

Electricity Supply & Distribution



How CCA Works



Basic Outline of Community Choice Aggregation Approval Process:

- Town Meeting approval to pursue CCA
- Issue RFP to hire energy broker (not required, but good practice)
- Broker creates aggregation plan (no cost to town)
- Board of Selectmen approves aggregation plan
- Department of Energy Resources reviews aggregation plan
- Department of Public Utilities approves plan
- Broker issues RFP for competitive supplier
- Town selects competitive supplier
- Broker publicizes CCA to residents and small businesses, and handles all opt-out requests

If no plans or energy prices are deemed acceptable, there is no obligation for the town to proceed.

Sample Enabling Language: (from municipalities who have already approved CCA)

Dedham:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to research and develop a plan to participate in a contract or contracts, to aggregate the electricity load of the residents and businesses in the Town of Dedham and for other related services, independently or in joint action with other municipalities, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 164 of the Acts of 1997, which provision established a competitive marketplace through deregulation and restructuring of the electric utility industry; and further authorize the Town Manager to establish, and/or appoint representatives for a committee to oversee such independent or joint action, or take any other action relative thereto.

Lexington:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Community Choice Aggregation Program and contract for electric supply for Lexington residents and businesses as per MGL 164, Section 134, or otherwise act thereon.

Melrose:

Be it be ordered that the Melrose Board of Aldermen authorize the Mayor and appropriate department(s) to research and develop a plan to participate in a contract, or contracts, to aggregate the electricity load of the residents and businesses in the City of Melrose, and for other related services, independently, or in joint action with other municipalities, and further authorizes the Mayor to execute all documents necessary to accomplish the same.

For more information, to connect with other towns working on Community Choice, or for help assembling your team to make CCA happen in your town, email MCAN at carololdham@massclimateaction.net